IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 **(currently amended).** A film comprising at least one O_2 gas barrier layer ~~substantially~~ consisting **substantially** of a mixture of **20-40% by weight of** an ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH) and **60-80% by weight of** at least one multipolyamide, wherein the multipolyamide is made up of the 3 components
I) hexamethylenediamine/adipic acid (polyamide 6,6),
II) hexamethylenediamine/azelaic acid (polyamide 6,9) and/or hexamethylenediamine/sebacic acid (polyamide 6,10) and
III) hexamethylenediamine/isophthalic acid (polyamide 6,I) and/or hexamethylenediamine/terephthalic acid (polyamide 6,T).

Claim 2 (original). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the multipolyamide is made up of a) 15-75 mol % of component I, b) 15-65 mol % of component II and c) 10-70 mol % of component III, wherein the total quantity of components I-III must always add up to 100 mol %.

Claim 3 (original). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the multipolyamide is made up of a) 15-60 mol % of component I, b) 15-55 mol % of component II and c) 10-45 mol % of component III, wherein the total quantity of components I-III must always add up to 100 mol %.

Claim 4 (original). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the multipolyamide is made up of a) 35-55 mol % of component I, b) 15-55 mol % of component II and c) 10-30 mol % of component III, wherein the total quantity of components I-III must always add up to 100 mol %.

Claim 5 **(currently amended)**. A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer consists of 20-50 mol % ethylene~~**, preferably 42-48 mol % ethylene, particularly preferably 38-48 mol % ethylene**~~.

Claim 6 **(currently amended)**. A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the O_2 gas barrier layer consists of a mixture of ~~**10**~~ **30**-45 wt. % EVOH and 55-~~**90**~~ **70** wt. % multipolyamide, in each case relative to the total quantity of the mixture.

Claim 7 **(currently amended)**. A film according to claim 6, characterised in that the O.sub.2 gas barrier layer consists of a mixture of ~~**20**~~ **30**-40 wt. % EVOH and 60-~~**80**~~ **70** wt. % multipolyamide, in each case relative to the total quantity of the mixture.

Claim 8 **(currently amended)**. A film according to claim 1, containing at least one outer layer~~**, preferably two outer or surface layers, at least one of**~~ which ~~**layers**~~ is heat-sealable.

Claim 9 (previously presented). A film according to claim 8, characterised in that a mixture of ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA) and LLDPE (linear low density polyethylene) is used as the outer layer material.

Claim 10 (original). A film according to claim 9, characterised in that a mixture of 40-65 wt. % of an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer and 35-60 wt. % of LLDPE, wherein the total quantity of the polymer components must always add up to 100 wt. %, is used as the heat-sealing layer material.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A multilayer film according to claim 1, characterised in that it is made up of the O_2 gas barrier layer and 2 outer layers.

Claim 12 (original). A film according to claim 11, characterised in that the layers are in each case joined together by a coupling agent layer.

Claim 13 (original). A film according to claim 12, characterised in that the coupling agent layers are based on a mixture of maleic anhydride-grafted ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer and LLDPE.

Claim 14 **(currently amended)**. A film according to claim 12, characterised in that at least one coupling agent layer is ~~**coloured**~~ **colored**.

Claim 15 **(currently)**. A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the film is monoaxially~~**, preferably**~~ **or** biaxially, drawn.

Claim 16 (previously presented). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the film comprises at least one crosslinked layer.

Claim 17 (previously presented). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the film is shrinkable.

Claim 18 **(currently amended)**. ~~**Use of a film according to claim 1 for**~~ **A** packaging **for** perishable, gas-releasing products~~**, preferably foodstuffs**~~ **which comprises the film of claim 1**.

Claim 19 **(currently amended)**. ~~**Use**~~ **The packaging** according to claim 19 ~~**for packaging**~~ **wherein said perishable, gas-releasing products are** ~~**cheese, preferably cheese**~~ **cheeses** ~~**which is still ripening**~~.

Claim 20 **(currently amended)**. ~~**Use**~~ **The packaging** according to claim 19 ~~**for packaging**~~ **wherein said cheeses are** semi-hard and/or hard cheese**s**.

Claim 21 **(currently amended)**. **The** ~~**P**~~**p**ackaging ~~**for perishable, gas-releasing products, preferably foodstuffs, made from a film according to claim 1**~~ **of claim 19, wherein said cheeses are still ripening**.

Claim 22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (previously presented). A cheese ripening pouch made from a film according to claim 1

Claim 24 **(new).** The film of claim 5 wherein the ethylene/vinyl copolymer consists of 42-48 mol % ethylene.

Claim 25 **(new).** The film of claim 24 wherein the ethylene/vinyl copolymer consists of 38-48 mol % ethylene.

Claim 26 **(new).** The film of claim 8 containing at least two outer or surface layers, at least one of which is heat-sealable.